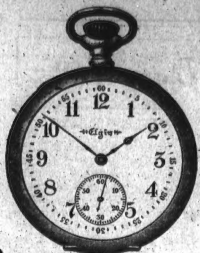


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1908

LOCALS

Furnished room to rent. Apply Box 276.

Leave orders for preserving fruits at the Taber Bakery. 29-4t

Mr. John Parkinson is building a new residence in the north end.

Remember the date of "East Lynne," Friday, Oct. 16th. 34-1t

Mrs. White of Medicine Hat was this week the guest of her son, Mr. J. B. White.

For sale, cheap, lots 12 to 15, block 28, Second St. South. Apply George Hook, Taber P.O. 34-1tp

Furnished rooms, with or without board. Apply to Mrs. L. J. Ritchie, south of track near Cousin's Hall. 34-3tp

A by-law for the raising of \$42,000 to build a new high school for Medicine Hat was defeated by 66 to 61 votes.

The Harold Nelson company presented the "Holy City" to a good audience at the Opera House Wednesday night.

A carload of heaters, cook stoves and ranges bought at bargain prices in the East to sell at bargain prices in the West. See Shiels.

Mrs. John Barton and family wish to thank their many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown them during their sad bereavement.

The sugar beet season has commenced and everywhere throughout the area given to the culture of beets everybody is busy getting them to the cars.

Mrs. Allan Forrester and children, who have been visiting Mrs. T. Bullock and Mrs. J. Truswell for some time, left for their home at Macleod this morning.

Miss Ethel Munro, teacher of piano and theory. Pupils prepared for Toronto College of Music Exams. For terms apply at the residence of Mr. H. P. Munro. 31-4t

Young lady requires sewing or plain dressmaking, or would attend lady's own home by the day or as otherwise arranged. Apply to Miss Baker, care of Mrs. J. Truswell. 33-4tp

Land buyers still keep coming. During the past season large areas have been bought up by intending settlers. Next spring will see a big change in the number of snug little homes on the prairie.

Mr. Danforth's wheat, both fall and spring, yielded 25 bushels to the acre. Both crops were grown on sod. This is pretty good considering the chance Mr. Danforth has had to get the land broken.

A concert and dance was given in the Taber Mine Library room on Monday evening. A large crowd turned out and enjoyed the excellent programme provided, which was followed by a dance. A goodly sum was netted to swell the funds in aid of the mine library.

WE WANT LAND men and owners to send us at once minute and exact descriptions of choice dry holdings at close figures and easy terms near railroad. Lethbridge or Taber preferred. No other than choice lands near railroads will be considered. M. L. Helgeson, 2541 Colfax Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 34-4t

COUNCIL HAS A BUSY NIGHT

Canada West Given Franchise To Install Electric Lights

Monday night was an exceptionally busy night for the council. Mayor Douglas in the chair and Councillors Davis, Campbell, Hammer and Wood were present.

The principal question that came up was the agreement between the Council and the Canada West Coal Co. in reference to the company providing the town with electric light. The company was represented by their secretary, Mr. V. S. Kidd. The agreement was carefully gone into, and the company agrees to provide poles of the required size and wire the streets. The price fixed for a 16 candle power lamp is 60 cents per month, flat rate, with a discount of 10 per cent. if paid within ten days from date of bill. The rate for street lights of five amperes is \$5 a month on a basis of six lights or more. The agreement is for a term of five years, after which it will either be renewed or a new agreement made.

The resignation of the chief of the fire brigade was accepted.

The town constable was given

authority to purchase a gun.

A telephone for the city hall was ordered to be installed.

The question of having the cemetery placed in proper shape was left with the Works and Property Committee.

There are a number of unpaid licenses and these were ordered to be collected forthwith.

Since the last meeting of the council one of their number, Mr. John Barton, has passed away and the council instructed the secretary to send the following resolution of condolence to Mrs. John Barton:—"Resolved that the council place on record its great appreciation of the valuable services rendered to our town by the late John Barton, and that the council extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and family."

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Barton a nomination meeting will be held on Monday forenoon, Oct. 12th, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

The council then adjourned.

Wreck at Seven Persons

On Tuesday night a wreck took place on the C.P.R. three miles west of Seven Persons. Twelve cars laden with lumber, coal and general merchandise were derailed and completely smashed up. Some of the freight has been saved and is piled beside the track. No one was injured. The cause of the wreck is

unknown. It is supposed that a broken wheel was the cause.

Traffic was interrupted for a short time. The local passenger train from Medicine Hat was held until the track was cleared and the Spokane flyer went up by Calgary. Trains were running again as usual the next afternoon.

Friday, Oct. 16th, the great emotional play, "East Lynne." 34-1t

Don't forget the date, Monday, Oct. 19th. The Agricultural Society meets at 1:30 p.m. to hear an interesting lecture by Prof. Fairfield. Other speakers may be present.

There is now no more Woodpecker. J. F. Johnson has the town site surveyed and registered, and the name has been changed to Bountiful. Mr. Johnson purposes putting the lots on the market right away and will no doubt find a ready sale.

Mr. Osborne, who has been threshing in this vicinity and also south-west of here, reports that the best grain he has threshed this year and under the best conditions he threshed near Taber. This speaks well for the Taber district. We understand he has booked orders for the threshing of 2,000 acres of next year.

A meeting of the Agricultural Society will be held in the L.D.S. Church on Monday, Oct. 19th, 1:30 p.m., when a most interesting lecture will be given by Prof. Fairfield. We cannot give the subject of the lecture, but it will deal with matters of special interest to the farmers. Let there be a rousing turnout at this first meeting.

The home of Mr. W. Stratton is again the scene of sadness and sorrow. His eldest daughter, Helen, 14 years of age, has had the full charge of the home and the care of several small children, the youngest of which was a baby, for nearly a year. The strain proved too much and she was taken with appendicitis. Drs. Lang & Leach had her taken to the hospital at Lethbridge on Saturday night to undergo an operation. She was in such a serious condition that she died on Monday. Her remains were brought home and on Wednesday she was interred in the cemetery here. The sincerest sympathy of all is extended to Mr. Stratton in his sad loss.

Turkeys for Thanksgiving. Apply J. F. Johnson, Bountiful. 34-2t

See Johnson Brothers in "East Lynne," Friday evening, Oct. 16th. 34-1t

The Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. have bought the Red Deer flour mills and elevator.

Mr. Foster, editor of the Medicine Hat News, gave the Free Press a call this week.

Messrs. McLelland & McIntyre have sold their blacksmith business to H. F. Annable. Mr. McLelland and Mr. McIntyre have a half section of land each at Purple Springs, and we understand they purpose giving their attention to farming.

J. A. Hawkin, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davis, left Tuesday morning for his home at Sturgeon Falls, Ont. We understand he will close up his business there and in the near future become a resident of Taber. He will receive a cordial welcome.

Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section in the Dominion lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must be a citizen of the Dominion, or a naturalized subject, or a person of good character, and must be at least 16 years of age. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intestate homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of the three years. A homesteader may live within five miles of his homestead or a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$1.25 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead rights and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$1.25 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for. 35-20t

Grow's Nest Pass Railway

By the granting of a subsidy amounting to \$3,630,000, the Government secured the speedy construction of the Grow's Nest Pass Railway, by which one of the richest sections of the country, namely, the Kootenay district, was opened up and the trade connected therewith diverted from United States to Canadian channels. It is also provided a fine market for the agricultural produce of the northwest territories.

It was a part of the bargain made by the Government with the Canadian Pacific Railway, who built this road, that the Canadian Pacific Railway would grant substantial reductions in freight rates, incoming and outgoing to the farmers of the West. The reduction in freight rates on wheat alone in five years amounted to \$3,750,000, or more than the total amount of the subsidy paid.

The Government also compelled the Canadian Pacific Railway, under the contract, to turn over to them 50,000 acres of coal lands forming one-fifth of a grant secured by the railway through another railway from the British Columbia Provincial Government. These lands are held by the Dominion Government to enable it to control the price of coal in British Columbia and prevent monopoly.

Notes on Spread of Diseases

The question is sometimes raised as to whether ice taken from contaminated streams is likely to be a carrier of the organisms producing such diseases as typhoid fever. The question comes up most frequently about this season of the year, and, in regard to the typhoid bacillus, the spread of the disease is sometimes attributed to the use of ice from such sources as this, when used in food intended for human consumption or drinking water. According to accepted authorities in the matter, however, there seems little danger of typhoid being contracted in this way, although there is some. Prof. Conn, in his work on agricultural bacteriology, relates some experiments conducted on this point in which it was shown that typhoid bacilli frozen in ice remained alive for several weeks, but eventually began to die, and by the time ice is three months' formed it contains practically no live typhoid bacilli.

At the same time it is not wise to depend too much on continued freezing to get rid of disease producing bacteria. Typhoid bacilli, experiments show, will not live beyond three months in freezing temperatures, but nobody needs to be so foolhardy on that account as to harvest an ice crop from a pool or stream suspected of being contaminated with bacteria of any dangerous forms. It is best to be on the safe side and get the ice from some purer source.

Milk is a common carrier of contagious diseases. It seems subject to contamination with disease producing and other kinds of organisms right from the moment it is formed in the cow's udder until it is consumed finally either as whole milk, butter or cheese. It may become laden with bacilli right in the udder. A cow infected with tuberculosis, in the udder especially, will produce milk containing the tubercle bacilli, and whether or not they are disease producing in man there is certainly good ground for getting on the safe side of the matter and not using milk or its products in any form from suspected animals. Milk again may become contaminated from dust and dirt falling into it from the cow's body or from the air during milking. It is extremely liable to gather in some kind of organism or several kinds when being carried about from house to house in dusty, busy streets. Or it may become infected with disease bacilli from the water used in washing the utensils in which it is held.

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The MYSTERY

By Stewart Edward White
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To the worth of this story there are two substantial tributes—first, that it was run as a serial by the London Sphere, a publication noted for its discrimination in the selection of serials and which rarely uses an American story; second, that "The Mystery" was one of the "good sellers" of 1917. This is a story of mystery and adventure on new lines. The style is as graphic and forceful as the "copy" of a skilled reporter of an important news event. The part of the hero unfolds gradually until he stands revealed as the rarest combination of whimsical humor and cool courage ever presented, perhaps, in fiction. The narrative, which conveys the impression of reality, not fiction, is swift and alluring, holding the interest of the reader as with hooks of steel.

CHAPTER I.

HE LIE AFTERNOON his flaunted his splendor of blue and gold like a banner over the Pacific, across whose depths the trade wind roared in measured cadence. On the ocean's wide expanse a hawk waved sluggishly, the forgotten relic of a once brave and slightly ship, possibly the sphinx of some untold ocean tragedy, she lay black and forbidding in the ordered procession of waves. Half a mile to the east of the derelict hovered a ship's cutter, the turn of her crew's heads speaking a full near dinner, far again beyond, the United States cruiser Wolverine outlined her severe and trim silhouette against the horizon. In all the spread of wave and sky no other thing was visible. For this was one of the desert parts of the Pacific, 300 miles north of the steamship route from Yokohama to Honolulu, 500 miles from the nearest land, Gardner Island, and more than 700 northwest of the Hawaiian group.

On the cruiser's quarter deck the officers lined the starboard rail. Their interest was focused on the derelict. "Looks like a heavy job," said Ives, one of the junior lieutenants, "these floaters that'll wither deck the off-ash will stand more hammering than a mud floor."

"Which they'll let us put some six inch shells into her," said Billy Edwards, the ensign, a wistful expression on his big, round, cheerful face. "I'd like to see who'd would do it."

"Nothing but waste a few hundred dollars of your Uncle Sam's money," observed Carter, the quartermaster. "It takes placed charges inside and out for that kind of work."

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"Without any particular haste, as it seemed to the watchers, the bullet whistled out of the water as if by some hidden levitation. Its outline melted into a black, outflowing mist, and from a mile leaped a giant lip, up, he towered, tossed whirling arms a hundred feet abracad, shivered and dissolved into a wide-spread catenact. The water below was lashed into fury, in the midst of which a mighty death agony beat back the troubled waves of the trade wind. Only then did the derelict double the explosion reach the ears of the spectators, presently to be followed by a whiplash, and a final explosion that swept irresistibly across the big surges and lapped the ship's side, as for a message that the work was done."

Here and there in the sea a glint of silver, a patch of purple or dull red or a glittering apparition of black showed where the intensified flame of the explosion, the gray hued open sea fish of the warm waters, had succumbed to the force of the shock. Of the intended victim there was no sign save a few fragments of wood bobbing in a swirl of water.

When Barnett, the ordnance officer in charge of the derelict, returned to the ship Carter complimented him. "Good clean job, Barnett. She was a tough customer."

"What was she?" asked Ives. "The Caroline Lemp, three masted schooner. Any one know about her?"

Ives turned to the ship's doctor, Tredon, a grizzled and brief spoken veteran, who had at his fingers' tips all the lore of all the waters under the reign of the moon.

"What does the information bureau of the seven seas know about it?"

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"The Aleutians?" exclaimed Billy Edwards. "Great cats! What sort of a regular and old time would that be?"

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"Well, there was the Laughing Lass."

"How did you happen to hit on her?" asked Barnett quickly.

"Why not, dr? It naturally came into my head. She was last seen somewhere about this part of the world, wasn't she?" After a moment's hesitation he added, "From something I heard aboard I judge we've a commission to keep a watch out for her."

"What about the Laughing Lass?" asked McGuire, the paymaster, a New Englander, who had been in the service but a short time to save himself, and of a hundred other strange, stirring and pitiful ventures which make up the inevitable and inescapable romance of the ocean. In a pause Billy Edwards said musingly:

"Good Lord, don't you remember the Laughing Lass mystery and the disappearance of Dr. Schermerhorn?"

"Earl Augustus Schermerhorn, the man whose experiments to identify telepathy with the Marconi wireless waves made such a furore in the papers?"

"Oh, that was only a byproduct of his mind! He was an original investigator from Yokohama to Honolulu, 500 miles from the nearest land, Gardner Island, and more than 700 northwest of the Hawaiian group."

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a city seen from a distance," said Barnett as it grew plainer.

"Yes, but the nearest electric lighted city is some 800 miles away," objected Ives.

"Mirage," maybe," suggested Edwards.

"Pretty hard working mirage to cover that distance," said Ives. "Though I've seen 'em."

"Great heaven! Look at that!" shouted Edwards.

A great shaft of pale brilliance shot up toward the zenith. Under it whirled

the phenomenon, but within a few minutes the light had died out.

"Another sea mystery to add to our list," said Billy Edwards. "Did any one ever see a show like that before? What do you think, Doc?"

"Humph!" grunted the veteran. "New to me, Volcanic, maybe."

(To be Continued.)

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ed a maelstrom of varied radiance, pale with distance, but marvelously beautiful. Forgive me then with troubled face on his way below to report, as his relief went up.

"The quartermaster reports the compass behaving queerly," he said. "Three minutes later the captain was on the bridge. The great ship had swung, and they were speeding direct for the phenomenon, but within a few minutes the light had died out."

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HERE'S A SAD STORY.

I lately caught a summer suit. The clerk, a person most acute, declared that it was stunning. The suit was strictly up to date. The fit, I thought, was simply great; The cuffs were just to come. The pocket flaps were cunning.

I went to call on Mary, dear. I said, I certainly appear a fine line as anybody. The finish I caught with pain. It pressed me on to rain. I snickered and snickered in vain. Alas, the clothes were not mine.

They shrunk to half their former size. My anguish I could not disguise. And now for that bad rain. That looked for them and asked the reason. "Well, sir," said one, "it's like this: When chapel was at half past seven we could not manage it, but we kept awake till 8 o'clock."—Harpers' Weekly.

Nothing Done.

The Boy-Gee, but dare's no please! A generation of women, his companion, for that, wiggled me ears' an' stood on the head till I'm blue in the face, an' nothin' 'doin'—New York World.

The Limit.

A bridge playing set at an eastern university who usually turned night into day used to appear at morning chapel with remarkable regularity and were pointed out as an example by the authorities. An alteration was made in the time, chapel not beginning until thirty minutes later, and the dean was astounded to see that none of these men, so regular before, was present.

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A Fling at the French Army.

General Langlois, a distinguished officer of the French army, has aroused much uneasiness among his countrymen by asserting that the morale and discipline of the military forces of France are in an alarming state of degeneration. All the military enthusiasm of Napoleon's day, he remarks, has evaporated, patriotism is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, and the military organization of the republic is so removed from sordid influences, is controlled even in the minutest details by politics and politics.

Profoundly thoughtful remarks are the least ranks of the army to marry, says General Langlois, are all subject to the control of civil magistrates in each prefecture, the results being complete anarchy and disorganization in the army.

"Don't make it out at all, sir. That's a regular and old time would that be?"

Among themselves the officers discuss it interestingly as it began to grow plainer.

"Not unlike the electric glow above"

stics, new and old, of the City of Boston, which went down, with all hands, leaving for record only a memento carved on a bit of board to meet the wondering eyes of a fisherman on the far Cape Cod coast; of the Great Queenland, which set out with 600 souls aboard, bound by a route unknown to a tragic fate; of the "Ives," with her silent and empty lifeboats alone left, drifting about the open sea, to hint at the story of her fate; of the Euxine, which ten years later, on the same day and date and hailing from the same port as the "Ives," went into the void, leaving no trace; of Newfoundland captain who sailed, roaring with drink, under the arches of cathedral bergs, only to be pressed, buried and embalmed in the one by embrace; of craft assailed by the terrible on stroke lightning clouds of the Indian ocean, found days after, stove blind, with their crews maddly hailing at useless sheets, while the officers clawed the compass and shielded of burnings and plagues, of post ships and sea ships; of the great want of water; of whirling earthquake waves and mysterious currents; of stout hulks deserted in panic, although sound and seaworthy, and of others so swiftly dragged down that there was no time for any to save himself, and of a hundred other strange, stirring and pitiful ventures which make up the inevitable and inescapable romance of the ocean. In a pause Billy Edwards said musingly:

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Book Title Text a Fine Way to Amuse Youngsters.

A new and pleasant birthday party for children of the school age is a book titled text. The text is on the same plan as the one in the book, but with titles of juvenile books instead of adult works represented for guessing.

Cards which give the different book names should be prepared in advance of the occasion.

As each boy or girl arrives a ribbon on which a card is swung is hung around his or her neck, pencils and paper being distributed at the same time.

On each card is a number as well as the illustration representing the book title. Which all have arrived at a bell rings as a signal for the guessing to begin. Players now commence writing down the names of the books as they think them to be.

Examples of juvenile book titles pictorially represented are given below for the benefit of the entertainer who wishes to try this game.

Picture of Mame, Reclamer or any other famous beauty colored black as if in silhouette. "Black Beauty." Sketch of a slipper. "The Crystal Slipper." Map of Arabia and pictures of medieval chivalry. "Arabian Nights."

A spray of American Beauties represented as fully open. "Rose in Bloom."

Sketch of katydid followed by a question mark. "What Katy Did."

Picture of a knight in armor followed by the words Christmas. "The Night Before Christmas."

These suggestions are merely hints of what can be made a clever and amusing puzzle.

Each guest examines the cards on the other walls and answers. For ten, and writes his answer after the correct number on the paper. An interesting book will make an appropriate prize for the winner.

A JAPANESE GARDEN.

Planned a Century Ago and in Beautiful Condition.

A former American minister to the court of the mikado tells of a wonderful Japanese garden, in the center of which was a lake, and a small island with miniature mountains and peach trees, with pines and azaleas, some of them a century old, yet which he counted mounted to more than a foot in height.

Seen in its relation to other things, this island looked small, a veritable speck, but viewed from a certain angle of the veranda, so that no external objects helped to give an idea of proportion, the island appeared to be a large and beautiful landscape, with a small stream, a small mountain and all the rest of the normal size.

The genius who conceived this island has been dead perhaps a century, but his successors in the craft have kept it up to date and every year have kept it up to date when in springtime came it was in the condition to give greatest pleasure to its wealthy owner.

Water lilies, lotus plants, iris plants, and other things in the garden, the very last refinement of natural pleasure, but viewed from a certain angle of the veranda, so that no external objects helped to give an idea of proportion, the island appeared to be a large and beautiful landscape, with a small stream, a small mountain and all the rest of the normal size.

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CHILD'S IDEAL DAY.

Little One Must Rise as Soon as He Wakes.

"From his earliest years," says Edwin Collins, latter day exponent of Rousseau's theory that a child must not be taught systematically until twenty years old, "the little one must be made to rise as soon as he wakes, though on no account must he be awakened prematurely. After a bath he must go straight out into the garden, and there, if possible, eat a substantial meal of as much wholesome food as appetite suggests. The child may then ask questions, and these should be answered. Then, as in the philosophy of the great Socrates, other subjects will suggest themselves. These must be pursued so long as there is no lack of interest. Let me suggest a concrete example: The morning prayer may suggest Bible history. This, in turn, will open out topics of general history, and the child may then wander off into geography and even hygiene. The child must try, too, as his fancy dictates. Dumbbells and systematic athletic exercises do not recommend, except in the case of stooping or deformed children, and under the advice of a health specialist. The next variation in the child's day is to listen to the reading of poetry, if he chooses. Arithmetic and the multiplication table, he learns during his play with matches and marbles. If the child wants to eat, let him have plenty of wholesome food, and at noon a short rest, a full meal, a full dinner. I am no faddist, but I disagree with giving a child, coffee or stimulants. At the age of ten or eleven years, however, this rule may be relaxed. A short rest, out of doors, follows the midday meal, and then, again provided the child is not unwilling, a short walk in a park or garden. For bread with plenty of butter is the thing. Early to bed is a motto that wants to be changed to early to rise. I depart from my rule of the child's conduct. He must have a long rest. Nature demands it."

Each guest examines the cards on the other walls and answers. For ten, and writes his answer after the correct number on the paper. An interesting book will make an appropriate prize for the winner.

On each card is a number as well as the illustration representing the book title. Which all have arrived at a bell rings as a signal for the guessing to begin. Players now commence writing down the names of the books as they think them to be.

Examples of juvenile book titles pictorially represented are given below for the benefit of the entertainer who wishes to try this game.

Picture of Mame, Reclamer or any other famous beauty colored black as if in silhouette. "Black Beauty." Sketch of a slipper. "The Crystal Slipper." Map of Arabia and pictures of medieval chivalry. "Arabian Nights."

A spray of American Beauties represented as fully open. "Rose in Bloom."

Sketch of katydid followed by a question mark. "What Katy Did."

Picture of a knight in armor followed by the words Christmas. "The Night Before Christmas."

These suggestions are merely hints of what can be made a clever and amusing puzzle.

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A JAPANESE GARDEN.

Planned a Century Ago and in Beautiful Condition.

A former American minister to the court of the mikado tells of a wonderful Japanese garden, in the center of which was a lake, and a small island with miniature mountains and peach trees, with pines and azaleas, some of them a century old, yet which he counted mounted to more than a foot in height.

Seen in its relation to other things, this island looked small, a veritable speck, but viewed from a certain angle of the veranda, so that no external objects helped to give an idea of proportion, the island appeared to be a large and beautiful landscape, with a small stream, a small mountain and all the rest of the normal size.

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Young Folks

A LITTLE VOLCANO.

How to Perform an Interesting and Harmless Experiment.

A toy volcano that will send forth flames and ashes with lava streaming down its sides in real volcanic action can be made by any boy without any more danger than firing an ordinary firecracker. A mound of sand or earth is built up about a foot high in the shape of a volcano. Roll up a piece of heavy paper, making a tube five inches long and one and a half inches in diameter. This tube of paper is placed in the top of the mound by first setting it upon a flat sheet of paper and building up the sand or earth about the sides until it is all covered excepting the top opening. This is to keep all dampness away from the mixture to be placed within.

A fuse from a firecracker, or one made by winding some powder in its

one paper, is placed in the paper tube of the volcano with one end extending over the edge. Get some potash from a drug store, and be sure to take the amount for which it is wanted, as there are numerous kinds of potash and the amount of water in a small amount of sugar is mixed with the potash and placed in the paper tube. On top of this put a layer of pure potash, and on this pour some gunpowder. This completes the volcano, and

News in Brief

The water in the Ottawa river is lower than it has been for 12 years.

A shake up in the officials in the New York Central railroad is on the tapis.

Eleven persons were killed and a dozen injured by an incendiary fire in New York.

Norman D. Wilson, of Guelph, died of lockjaw from stepping on bone and injuring his foot.

Five town lots have been sold by the government to the Methodist Church at Battleford at one dollar each.

Simon James of Hamilton, one of the best known owners of trotting horses in Canada, is dead, aged 83 years.

The Grand Jury at Truro, N.S., has found four true bills against Boyne, the Conservative bootler in Colchester.

An elevator collapsed at Meliora, Man., the other day and scattered 25 thousand bushels of wheat on the ground.

An American packing house received a contract the other day for supplying one million pounds of meat to the British army.

James Duff, M.L.A. for South Simcoe, has been appointed Minister of Agriculture in Ontario, in succession to Hon. Nelson Monteith.

Lurier was presented with a red morocco bound volume with gold plate bearing inscription signed by 3,000 voters asking him to run in Quebec east. He will run.

Armours of Chicago, prominent in the so-called American beef trust, are reported to have taken over the business of a concern known as the fish trust, which increases the throttling grip of this Chicago outfit on two important food products.

WINTER BUTTERFLIES.

A Hardy Breed For Which Frost and Snow Possess No Terrors.

Coming in one day from a walk in a heavy snowstorm, I dropped upon the evening table some triangular brownish bits that looked at first sight like flakes of dried bark.

"What are those—chips?"

"No, Butterflies."

Such a reply with a foot of snow on the ground and great probability of a foot more before morning was accepted as a pleasantry and not to be taken seriously. The idea of catching butterflies in a snowstorm seemed too "ridgy" for serious consideration.

On the approach of winter most of the butterflies, those delicate little creatures of fair weather, naturally die. But among their number there is a whole hardy brood for which the rigors of winter possess no terrors. These are the angle wings, or vane-sided. They are frequently called "butterflies" from the fact that during the warm spells of winter they awake from their torpor and may frequently be seen sunning themselves near their place of hibernation or if the weather is mild and pleasant nitting lightly about in the open places.

These insects pass the winter both as chrysalids and as mature butterflies. Normally they remain in the chrysalis form only about two weeks, but it is probable that the severe cold overtakes some before they are fully developed, which may account for some of them hibernating as chrysalids.

Quaker Milk.

Many admirers of Quaker milk have been received by the editors of that monumental work, the "Imperial Gazetteer of India." A district was said to be "an extensive rolling plain, consisting of alternate ridges of bare stony hills and narrow fertile valleys." An interesting item of natural history was afforded by the remark, "The buffalo differs from the cow in giving milk which is richer in butter fat, in voice and in having no hump."—London Globe.

Poured.

"I have poured every day this week at some function or other," remarked the vivacious girl.

"Well, well," murmured the old gentleman who overheard her. "Now I know what is meant by the term 'a pouring belle.'"

FORESAW THE OBVIOUS.

The Usher Knew What the Answer of His Charges Would Be.

"The temperance orator of today," he said, "is a sun of a respectable bearing. In the past it was not so. At the beginning of the temperance movement drinking men came to our meetings for no other purpose than to interrupt and confuse. The orator had to be very careful in his remarks. He had to look out lest he give his hearers an opening for some opportunist but final interruption."

"I remember," he said, "when they began temperance work here in Washington. A series of meetings was held in a large hall. The audiences were always numerous, but they interrupted terribly. In the end an ex-prize fighter was hired to sit every night in the dangerous gallery and keep order there."

"Well, one night the orator contrasted the clean content of home life with the squalor of drunkenness. He spoke beautifully, and at his climax he cried in ringing, impassioned tones:

"What do we want when we return from our daily toil? What do we desire to ease our burlesque, to gladden our hearts, to bring smiles to our faces and song to our lips?"

"Here the orator paused for effect, and the conscientious prize fighter tilted hurriedly to the front of the gallery, shook his finger at his unruly charges and said in a threatening stage whisper:

"Mind, the first feller among ye wot says 'Beer!'—out he goes!"

IT WROTE ITSELF.

The Author's Story of the Origin of "My Maryland."

Brander Matthews wrote an account of the circumstances under which "My Maryland," was written, and the poem's author, James Ryder Randall, approved Professor Matthews' account. In April, 1861, Colonel Randall retired in the New Orleans Delta news of the attack on the Massachusetts troops as they passed through Baltimore.

"This account greatly excited me," Mr. Randall wrote in answer to a letter from Professor Matthews. "I had long been absent from my native city, and the startling event had influenced my mind. That night I could not sleep. Some powerful influence seemed to possess me, and almost involuntarily I proceeded to write the song of 'My Maryland.'"

"I remember that this idea seemed to take shape as music in my brain—some wild air that I cannot now recall. The words came as I sat at my desk, and when once begun it was not composed in cold blood, but under what may be called a configuration of the senses, not an invocation of the muse. No one was more surprised than I was at the widespread and simultaneous popularity I had been so strangely stimulated to write."

"Colonel Randall always told his friends that the poem 'wrote itself.'"

Doing Chores.

To dig one's own potatoes, to shock one's own corn, to pick one's own apples, to pile one's own autumnal leaves, one's own barn. It is like filling one's system with an antidote before going into a feverish country. One is immune to winter after this, provided he stays to bake his apples in his own wood fire. One works himself into a glow with his digging and picking and piling that leads until winter weather comes again, and along with this harvest glow comes stealing over him the after harvest peace. It is the security of Indian summer, the mood of the after harvest season, upon him—upon him and his fields and woods—Dallas Lore Sharp in Atlantic.

Case For an Expert.

"Have you fixed up my will just like I told you?" asked the sick man, who was the possessor of many useful relatives and some well to do but grasping ones.

"I have," asserted the lawyer.

"Just as strong and tight as you can make it, eh?" asked his client.

The lawyer nodded.

"All right," said the sick man. "Now I want to ask you one thing—not professionally—who do you think stands the least chance of getting the property when I'm gone?"

Would Take Nothing.

Mrs. Green (who thinks of bringing—But is the girl honest? Can she be trusted? Mrs. Brown (the girl's former mistress—You need not be in the least alarmed. She is perfectly honest. All the time she was with me I never knew her to take a thing, not even my advice as to how things should be done.

Waits and Measures.

"What sort of a table do they set at your boarding house?" asked the young man who was waiting for a change.

"A table of waits and measures," replied his friend, "the first long and the latter short."

Almost.

Horace—Did the college authorities renege your South after he was expelled? Horace—Almost? (Heaven—Yes; I heard his folks say he was half-fund.

His Contributions.

Missionary—Do you ever contribute money for the heathen in foreign lands? Millionaire—Oh, yes. Both of my daughters married foreign noblemen—Judge.

TRIBE OF CRIMINALS.

The Maghaya's Greatest Pride Is Successful Burglary.

The Maghaya is born in an arid field and schooled to theft from infancy. He lives without shelter or food for the morning, perpetually moving from encampment to encampment, chased by the police and surrounded by the villages. His greatest pride is a successful burglary and a prolonged drinking bout his most coveted reward.

Jail offers no terrors to the dom. It is merely the result of being a burglar at his trade. The first attempt to reclaim the Maghaya doms in Chaurum was made by Mr. J. W. Sir E. Henry. He found the greater number of the adult members of the tribe were in jail. Every police officer was held responsible if any doms were found in his jurisdiction with the result that 34,000 as a dom was released from jail but was usually returned thither under the same livelihood sections.

Agricultural settlements were established for the tribe, but they do not seem to have been very successful as civilizing agencies. The settlements serve as houses for the women and children, but the men are seldom found in them.

The females generally hawk stolen property in the villages and act as spies.

A WINDOW AND A WAR.

Costly Incident of the Reign of Louis XIV. of France.

A terrible war was once caused by a window.

It was in the days when Louis XIV., "Le Grand Monarque," was dazzling Europe. His minister, Louvois, was superintending on the king's behalf the building of the palace of the Tuileries in the park at Versailles. Louis inspected the buildings one afternoon and declared one of the windows to be out of shape and smaller than the rest. This Louvois denied, and the king had the window measured, with the result that he was proved to be right, and he gave before all the court the order to build a new window.

But the minister had his revenge, for with the angry ejaculation that he would find better employment for a monarch than that of insulting his favorites, he embroiled France by his insolence in a quarrel with the powers, which only ended years later in the peace of Ryswick after a war which entailed the loss of many lives and the expenditure of large sums of money.

Wonderful Pew.

"Are you aware," said the antiquary, "that there are certain church pews to which the contribution basket is never passed?"

"No."

"It is a fact. These pews are in certain old churches in Philadelphia, in Boston and in a number of New England villages. They have been rented on a noncontributory basis for a couple of centuries. In the past, it is said, men slept in church. They even played draughts there, and the odds of the contribution basket would have been an amazing interruption to them. So for a very much higher rental they obtained pews that the collectors ignored. These pews in churches that like to keep up the quaint customs of the past are still maintained."

Sarcastic.

It was evening, and the conductor sat the bell ringer as the omnibus crossed over at the bank. The driver here up with a sudden jerk. No one stirred, and after waiting for a second or two the conductor ran up the stairs two steps at a time.

"Didn't you say you wanted the Mansion 'One'?" he demanded of a large and respectful lady in front.

"Yes," she said without making any attempt to rise.

"Well," responded the conductor, "if you still want it you'd better come down, 'cause I can't shift it any closer for tuppence, and," (with cutting emphasis) "the 'ones' is tired of waiting."

—London Scrip.

Courts in the Open.

One of the reviving barristers in the north of England held his court under a tree in a vicarage garden, the village schoolroom not being at his disposal. This is not by any means the first court held in the open. Debut in the book of Judges, it will be remembered, gave judgment under a palm tree. Adair, according to Fry, held their courts "close by the fire and re-fur of the sea," and in the fifteenth century the admiralty court used to sit on a quay at Southwark.—London Law Journal.

Waste of Energy.

"You never change your mind about anything, do you?"

"What's the use?" rejoined the egoist. "I found years ago that I was just as likely to be wrong the second time as I was the first."

The Eligement.

Muriel—When you eloped with George, did you leave a note telling your people where you had gone? Gertrude—Why, of course. If I hadn't have would papa have known where to send us any money?

The Attraction.

"Miss Skyle appears to have lost her attractiveness for the gentlemen," said "me girl."

"Oh, so," replied the other; "she didn't lose it. Her father lost it on the Stock Exchange."

A good and faithful judge prefers the honest to the expedient.—Horace.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

What the Old Time Publishers Paid From a Sense of Justice.

Some interesting details have been given out lately as to the sums voluntarily paid to British novelists by American publishers before the days of international copyright. Any American author could reprint at once whatever is issued from the English presses, but some publishers arranged with British authors for advance sheets of foreign selling works, thus enabling them to get the start of "piratical" firms which sold the author nothing. It is interesting to observe the occasional disparity between the merit of the book and the price paid. The whole thing was in the nature of a leap in the dark. Often the sum given by the American publisher was really more than the American rights would probably have been worth had it been possible to secure them by copyright.

Thus Trollope got \$3,000 for "The Harry Hotspur," one of his poorest novels; George Eliot \$8,500 for "Daniel Deronda" and Charles Reade \$5,000 for "The Wandering Jew." No publisher today would pay any such sums for these books if he were permitted to read them before buying.

On the other hand, by way of comparison, the very best books brought their authors only trifling returns from America. Charles Dickens received only \$250 for "The Tale of Two Cities," \$1,000 for "Hard Cash," these being two of his finest novels, and \$1,000 for "Love Me Little, Love Me Long." Thackeray got only \$750 for "The Newcomes" and \$500 for "Henry Esmond." Trollope obtained from the Harpers \$125 for "The Bertrams," \$250 for "Castle Richmond," \$500 for "The Eustace Diamonds," "Orley Farm," "Lady Anna," and "The Elbow." The \$500 for his "Cleora" is fully as much as any American publisher would give today for the copyright of such a book.

George Bernard Shaw received only \$100 for "Adam Bede" and \$500 for "The Man of the Mill on the Ploss" brought her \$1,500.

While Collins and Dickens were the most popular authors of the precopyright period, and they fared best of all at the hands of their authorized American publishers. The former drew from this country \$1,800 for "The Woman in White," \$3,750 each for "The Moonstone" and "Man and Wife" and \$3,000 for "Poor Miss Finch." To Dickens the Harpers paid \$12,500 for "Little Dorrit," \$1,800 for "Bleak House," \$3,000 each for "Our Mutual Friend" and "A Tale of Two Cities" and \$7,500 for "Great Expectations," this last representing the high water mark of such voluntary payments.—Bookman.

WHAT MONEY IS.

But for the matrimonial book.

The most effective substitute for brains.

Money is the most difficult root to cultivate.

That which women look for while men sneer.

Money is the loudest sound in the voice of life.

What the rich don't need and the poor don't get.

A curse to some that have it and a curse to all that haven't.

A provider for everything but happiness, a passport to everywhere but heaven.

The one thing that makes crooked things look straight and straight things crooked.

That which speaks a language we can all understand, but in which so few are able to converse.

Purchasing by Sent.

"The nose is a powerful factor in the selection of flowers," said the proprietor of a flower stand. "I keep the doors of this glass case open in all kinds of weather. I want possible customers to catch a whiff of the fragrance. Most people buy flowers for the smell instead of the looks. They will pass a shut-in flower stand day after day and never think of buying anything, but just let them get the odor of some favorite flower and they will go home carrying a bouquet as big as your hat."—New York Press.

Gold Stick.

It is of the utmost importance that the golfer should be on terms of the most complete confidence and intimacy with all the clubs in his bag, and particularly the wooden clubs, from which he gets his length. Such confidence cannot be established during the first few seasons of a golfer's experience. It needs a long time and much thought to grasp what are the essential features of a wooden club that make it exactly suited to the peculiarities of a particular player.—Fry's Magazine.

The Obliging Honeypot.

Good comradeship may count for much. No man ever typified this better than the Wall Street broker who said to his friend the reporter: "I did not fail until after the evening papers went to press, so that you could have it all to yourself in the morning. Come around in an hour or so, and I'll give you the figures."

The White Cause.

In the far north there is a superstition in which the trappers and traders firmly believe even now, that a white cause, plotted through the heavens by the spirit of an old pioneer, comes for the dying.—Metropolitan Magazine.

When there is a knin in the house just sick enough to stay indoors it behooves everybody to walk straight, or there is certain to be trouble.—Somer-ville Journal.

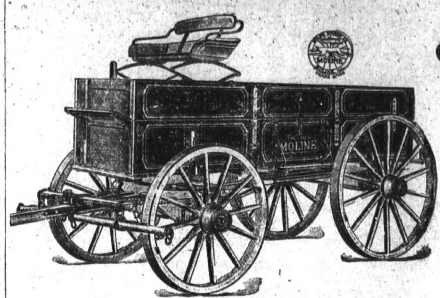
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